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REFS: A. TEHRAN 12349; B. STATE 293842

1. DEPT. HAS FOUND EMBASSY INFO AND SUGGESTIONS RE
U.S.-IRANIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN
DEVELOPING DEPARTMENTAL POSITION ON RESUMPTION OF
NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN. IN PARTICULAR, WE SHARE VIEW
THAT VISIT BY DR. SEAMANS MIGHT BE USEFUL STEP IN
GETTING THESE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY ONCE AGAIN.
RESERVATION EXPRESSED IN REF B WAS NOT AS TO POSSIBLE
UTILITY OF SUCH A VISIT BUT RATHER AS TO PROPOSED FOCUS
ON RADIATION PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SERIOUS
TECHNICAL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH COMMERCIALIZATION OF
REPROCESSING CONCERNING WHICH HIGH-LEVEL IRANIAN UNDERSTANDING COULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

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2. IN THIS CONNECTION, DR. SEAMANS IS INFORMING

AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY (SEPTEL) OF HIS POSSIBLE INTEREST IN MAKING VISIT SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR IF THIS APPEARS TO BE USEFUL IN FRAMEWORK OF THE RESULTS OF OUR CURRENT INTERAGENCY REVIEW OF U.S.-IRANIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION.

AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, THIS REVIEW IS CURRENTLY NEARING COMPLETION. WHILE WE CANNOT OF COURSE PREJUDGE OUTCOME OF REVIEW, HIGH-LEVEL VISITS ALONG LINES EMBASSY SUGGESTED BUT WITH BROADER SUBSTANTIVE FOCUS IS AMONG OPTIONS RECEIVING VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. WE WILL ADVISE EMBASSY PROMPTLY OF THE RESULTS OF THE POLICY REVIEW WHICH WE ARE HOPEFUL MAY BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. INGERSOLL

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